

The Steve Johnson Property on Pigeon Hill Street

This regrowth wooded area has a half mile of easy to walk trails. They pass through the remains of some of Rockport's granite industry. When walking the trails you will view once working small quarries. Each quarry had a few workers doing smaller projects, like paving stones. The quarries are named King, Queen and Umlah's. Parking is available at the Pigeon Hill Street entrance.

This land was purchased in 2012 for Conservation purposes. It is 5.8 acres and listed on Massachusetts BioMap2 as Core habitat. It is a small part of hundreds of adjoining acres of woods, quarries, vernal pools and wetlands. There are many connecting trails, some on private land. Please respect any signs posted.



Trail map of Steve Johnson Property, Pigeon Hill Street



Steve Johnson Property. The Red Trail is visible on the right. It runs between King and Queen Quarry's

These quarries where active in the 1870s. The path, seen on the right above, is passing through a pile of "granite waste chips" from stone cutting done in that era.



Steve Johnson Property, King Quarry

The quarry has been long inactive. It filled with ground water several years ago. During cold winters the neighbors had used it for skating.



Steve Johnson Property, Umlah's Quarry along the Blue trail

In the 1870's George Umlah operated this quarry, also called Umlah's Pit. He and his wife, ran a nearby boarding house to lodge area quarry workers. Also a nearby granite house on Pigeon Hill Street, was built from this quarry's stone.



Ducks swimming in Umlah's Quarry

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